

PKKP AC NEWSLETTER

JULY - DEC 2024



THE PKKP ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION RNTBC
ICN 7630

PUUTU KUNTI KURRAMA & PINIKURA PEOPLE



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We acknowledge our
PKKP Community, especially our
Elders, both past and present.

The Member Services Unit has now been renamed the

Community Outcomes Unit (COU)

The PKKP AC Community Outcomes Unit (COU) consists of three service areas:

1 Community Services and Engagement
which includes our Community Housing Team

2 Community Health and Partnerships

3 Community Programs
which includes our Community Employment Team

Welcome to the team

Director, Community Outcomes Unit
Ione Griffiths

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I'm very excited to have joined the family at PKKP as the new Director of Community Outcomes. With a strong passion for advocating policy and government reforms to improve the lives of Aboriginal people, I'm looking forward to creating meaningful programmes in our communities and being a part of our PKKP vision. Growing up in the Wheatbelt and having lived all over Western Australia, I feel deeply connected to our state's diverse landscapes,

communities, and people. My background includes many years of managing youth justice, an experience that has strengthened my commitment to making a positive impact in our communities. I am deeply passionate about the work that we are doing and am very excited to be a part of this journey. Outside of work, I enjoy fishing, camping, and the ocean or anywhere outdoors. I have three kids, 16 to 20, who have grown up living and

breathing the world that I have worked in from Kulin in the Wheatbelt, where the family farm is, to the southwest, up to Kununurra and back down to Karratha and a few places in between. My biggest personal passion is horses, I have 4 here in Karratha with me, and I am competing in English and Western whenever I can. I love my cowboy boots as much as my stilettos! I'm eager to work with each of you to help bring lasting outcomes for our communities.

The Community Outcomes Teams are responsible for assisting the PKKP members to achieve self-determined, social, economic, health and well-being outcomes.

The Services Teams provide a welcoming space and a central point of contact for the community to liaise with, should they need anything from their corporation.

The insights gained from each moment shared with our members, helps us improve and focus the current and future service delivery of the Service Teams, in favor of member-informed and empowered services and programs that will better serve their needs, aspirations, families, and community outcomes.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT

Manager, Community Engagement Services: **Julie Almeras**
Julie.almeras@pkkp.org.au



I have had the privilege to work alongside PKKP since July 2021. I love having the continuous opportunity to get to know you and your loved ones a little better every time we meet. I absolutely love the drives in the Pilbara to come find your communities and stop by for a cuppa. I am delighted to be leading the team, and I am very proud of feeling part of the PKKP family. I have learnt a lot about Aboriginal Culture, and I am so eager to stay in my learning journey alongside you all.

Community Engagement Specialist: **Claudia Acevedo**
Claudia.acevedo@pkkp.org.au



I've been lucky to be part of the PKKP Aboriginal Corporation family for about a year and a half now. During my time here, I've been deeply inspired by the strength and resilience of our community Members, and I feel a strong commitment to supporting each person on their unique journey. I am grateful for the opportunity to have your trust and connect in meaningful ways. I'm passionate about community development and proud to be contributing to the growth and well-being of the PKKP community. Looking forward to seeing you in the office or during Outreach 😊

Community Services Support Officer: **Panashe Murape**
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Hi, Panashe here, some of you may have met me by now but for those who have not, I am Panashe Murape, the Community Services Support Officer for the Community Outcomes Unit. I have been a part of PKKP Aboriginal Corporation for two years now. In these two years I have had the opportunity to meet so many of our lovely PKKP Members and become family with the amazing PKKP Staff. I joined the Community Engagement Services Team earlier this year and it has been heartwarming to work close to my passion, in helping and supporting people reach their goals and become the best version of oneself. Being able to connect, learn and continue to grow in this new role has been a blessing. This role has allowed me to support Members in their day to day lives, visit members on outreach and learn so much from the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura Culture. I cannot wait for even

more Outreach visits, home visits, more yarns, laughs and the future that PKKP Aboriginal Corporation awaits.

"We have witnessed significant developments within our unit since our last newsletter.

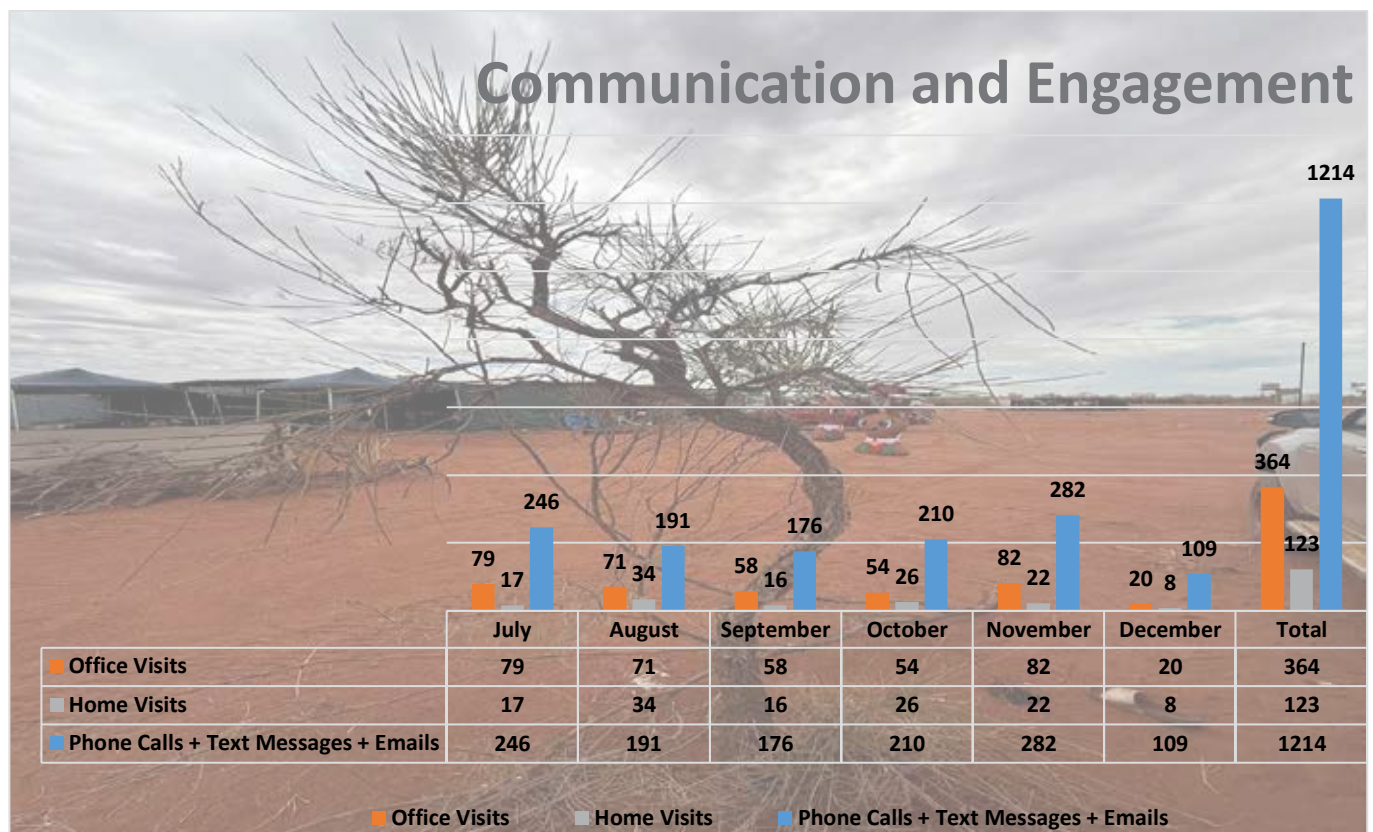
Thank you for your trust and ongoing communication.

We believe that self-determination can only be achieved by working together, each obstacle can lead to new skills, insights, and personal advancement."

The **Community Services and Engagement** team is dedicated to building strong, meaningful connections in our PKKP Community. Through outreach, partnerships, and support initiatives, we aim to create a positive impact and support the well-being of our community.

We work closely with community members to ensure their voices are heard and their concerns are addressed, creating opportunities for active participation in decision-making processes.

Engagement



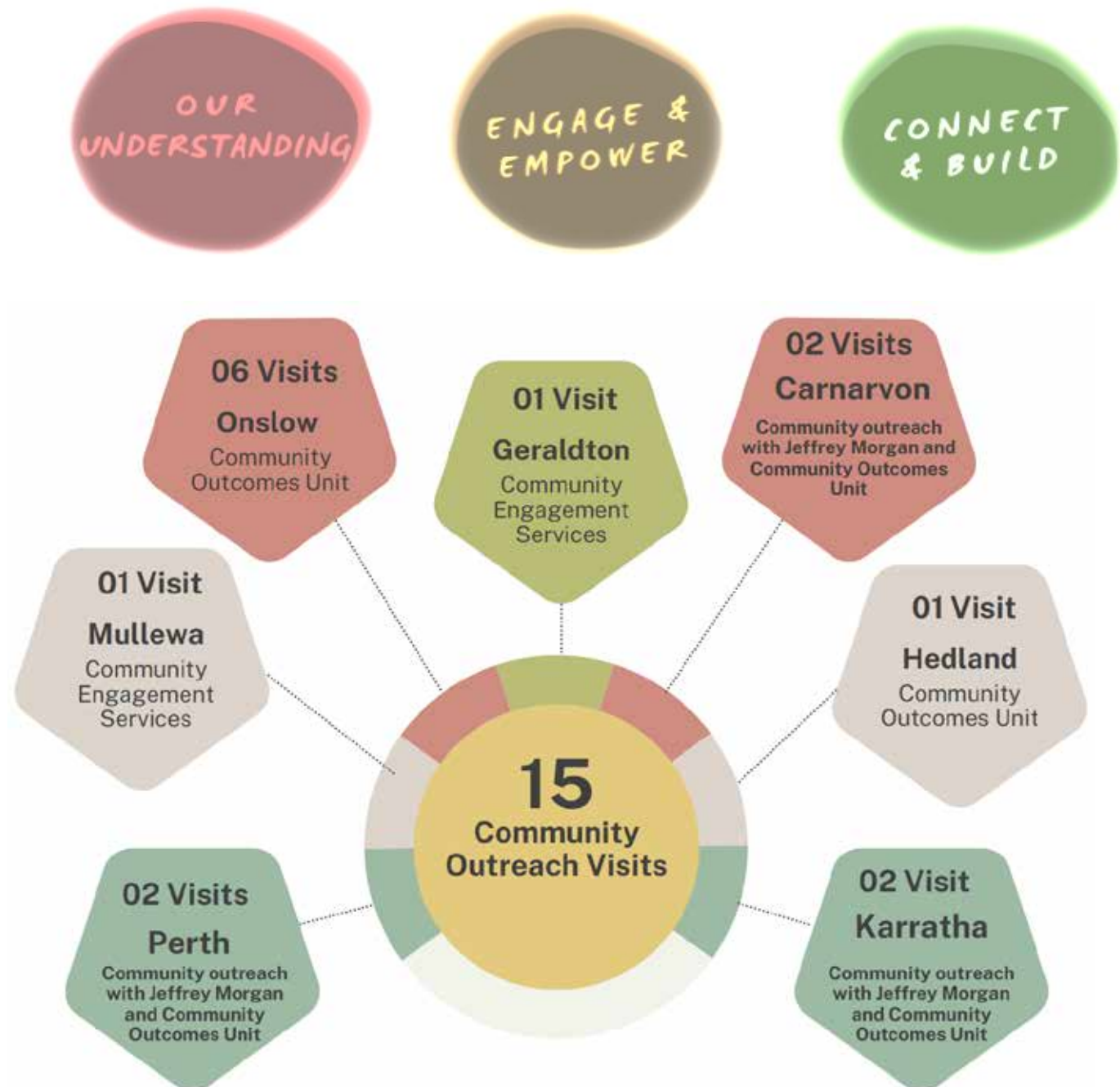
**The information provided for December is up to date as of the 10th.*

Thank you for reaching out and visiting us, we believe that collaboration can build a stronger, more connected community, we can foster relationships, share ideas, and achieve shared goals that benefit everyone involved.

We look forward to continuing working together and building a lasting connection that contributes to a brighter future for our community.

Outreach Program

Our outreach program is dedicated to understanding our community, engaging with members and their families, and fostering strong relationships.



During this period, we made 15 visits to Onslow, Perth, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Hedland, Mullewa and Karratha. Thank you to all the Members for opening your doors and spending time meeting with us. Visiting your communities is a pleasure and gives us the opportunity to get to know you and your families better while learning more about your living environment and surroundings. We look forward to continuing this journey together, creating new opportunities, and strengthening our relationships. We are truly grateful for the incredible participation and support from our community in our outreach efforts.



Outreach

**July - December
2024**

Cultural Connections

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to visit the members at Cane River. It was an honor to learn more about the deep connection to the land, the cultural significance of the area, and the vital role each person plays in the cultural ceremonies. We truly enjoyed the adventure of driving along Peedamulla Road, exploring the campsite, having meaningful conversations, and sharing a memorable time together under the heat.



Photo: Members with families, Tairi and Claudia at Cane River

Do You Know About The Below Trustee Policy?

FINANCIAL ADVICE AND IMPLEMENTATION POLICY:

Benefit: up to \$3000 per year

With economic independence as a PKKP key goal, this policy seeks to ensure that you have access to high-quality services and financial advice. If you're interested in learning more about budgeting, obtaining financial counselling, and tax return information, please contact us.

We can help you find a way to set up and plan a budget.

5 TIPS TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES

Set your goals and be specific – decide what you want to achieve with your money and by when.

Create a budget to see where your money is going and how you can prioritise your goals.

Cut unnecessary expenses. See if you can identify any areas where you can reduce spending.

Save regularly – even if it's just a small amount, aim to save a portion of your income each month.

Invest wisely. Research and develop an investing plan to help your money grow over time.

Flyer: Money Smart AU Website

Do you have any PETS?

Pet Policy

Eligibility

Pets must be registered to access this policy in line with the shire regulations

Conditions

Payments will be made directly to a service provider/supplier or loaded on VASCO card.

No reimbursements can be processed from the PKKP Charitable Trust

Domestic animals only - this does not include commercial livestock

An animal normally considered livestock (e.g., pig, lamb) being kept as a pet may be considered subject to agreement of the Trustee or his/her representative.

Any items not contained in this policy will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Benefit

\$2,000 maximum per eligible member, per year!

my owner
doesn't have
enough
funds for me

Member's can
gift their pet
funds to other
Members!

What can be funded?

- Pet insurance premiums
- Veterinary treatment (where insurance doesn't cover)
- Shire registration fees
- Impound fees (maximum x2)
- Boarding kennels

- Pet relocation
- Sterilisation
- Microchipping
- Medication
- Pet Cremations
- Grooming

Thank you to our Member Madison Jilba for making this flyer

CYCLONE SEASON IS HERE - LET'S GET READY

WA's emergency warnings have changed.

Here's how the new system works:



An incident
is active.
Be aware and
keep up to date.

There is a
possible threat.
Take action now
to stay safe.

There is a threat
to lives and
homes. You may
be in danger and
need to take
immediate
action.



Photo: Local educational mural depicting the new natural disaster warning system – Karratha.

CYCLONE AND FLOOD

Preparing Your Home and Property

FACTSHEET

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**PREPARE,
TAKE ACTION,
RECOVER**

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY FOR CYCLONE AND FLOODS

Preparing your family and your home for a cyclone is your responsibility. If you live in a cyclone prone area, you must make it a priority to get your home ready inside and out.

Before the cyclone season YOU MUST

- ☐ Trim branches and treetops around your home
- ☐ Remove or secure loose items around your home
- ☐ Fix shutters or metal screens to all your glass windows and doors
- ☐ Know how to switch off the electricity, gas and water

Ask yourself

- ☐ Does your home meet local council cyclone and flood standards?
- ☐ Is your home safe to stay in during a cyclone?
- ☐ Are the walls, roof, and eaves secure?
- ☐ Are your shutters and locks working?
- ☐ Does your property insurance cover you for cyclone and flood?

A full list of preparedness actions can be found at www.dfes.wa.gov.au



*Photo courtesy
Mark Rhodes
photography*



DID YOU KNOW?

Not all homes are a safe place to be during a cyclone. Where will you go if your home is not well prepared?

When a **BLUE ALERT** is issued, you need to start preparing your home for the possible threat of a cyclone. This includes securing all items outside such as your boat, caravan or trailer.

For more information visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au or contact DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816



Government of Western Australia
Department of Fire & Emergency Services



COMMUNITY HOUSING



Community Housing Officer: **Tairi Adams**
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Congratulations to our new Homeowners

Buying your first home is a major milestone that deserves to be celebrated. After months of searching, negotiating, and preparing, you finally get to sign the papers and get the keys to your new place. Congratulations to our home-buying champions!

🇬🇧 You've turned your dreams into reality, one brick at a time. Cheers to new beginnings, cozy nights, and endless memories in your very own space! 🏠



Home of Brenda Smirke, Belinda & Erica Hubert
Photo: Brenda Smirke



Home of Kamas, Ro-Hannah & Jesper Hayes



Home of Selina & Raziah Stewart



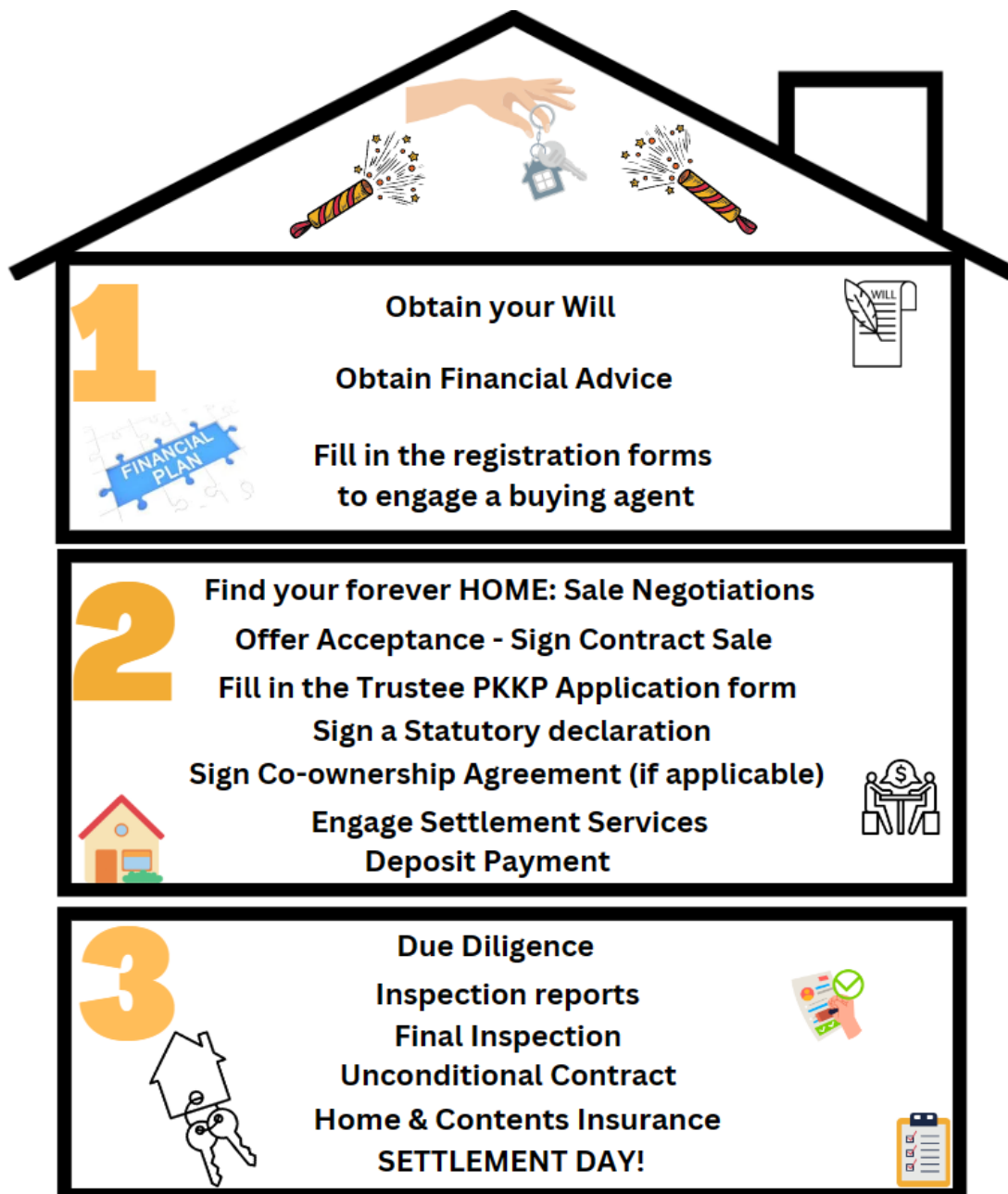
Gavin Ashburton

Revamp Season is Here

More people are jumping at the chance to apply for renovations! From indoors to outdoors, it's the perfect time to bring your dream projects to life. Let's keep the momentum going – dream big, and make it happen.

Want to see if you're eligible to apply for the Home Ownership Grant to complete a renovation?
Contact me today! ✨

How can I access the PKKP home-ownership grant and become a homeowner?



Key Contacts

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 Tairi Adams - PKKP AC (08) 9185 5000 - Email: msu.housing@pkkp.org.au
 Jack Tran - Buying Agent Momentum Wealth 0421 192 229
 Elizabeth Brice - Lawyer 0414 380 767
 Scott McAlees RSM - Financial Planner (08) 9261 9514
 Ryan Clarke - Settlement Agent (08) 9240 6217



**We love to highlight the achievements and milestones
in our member's lives.**

If you have a story to share, please reach out to us!

Your experiences can inspire and empower other Members


**If you have any questions or need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact the
Community Services Team Email: cou@pkkp.org.au Phone: 9185 5000**



WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY AT HOME



Spend a little time maintaining your electrical appliances to keep them efficient



Service your air-conditioner

Make sure you service your air-conditioner. Make sure the filters and the air-con unit outside are cleaned regularly to keep it free from dust and dirt.

Defrost the freezer

Defrost if the ice is thicker than 5mm. It helps your freezer operate more efficiently and use less electricity to keep all your food frozen.

Check your fridge temperature

Check your fridge is running at the ideal temperature - between 3 and 5 degrees.

Dustbust the back of the fridge

Vacuum the dust from the condenser coil at the back of the fridge to help keep it running as efficiently as possible.





Merinda Logie



Jim Bartlett



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We are Lawyers who are privileged to work with the PKKP community.

*Come and have a yarn with us at the next
Trust Community Meeting on the
22nd of November*

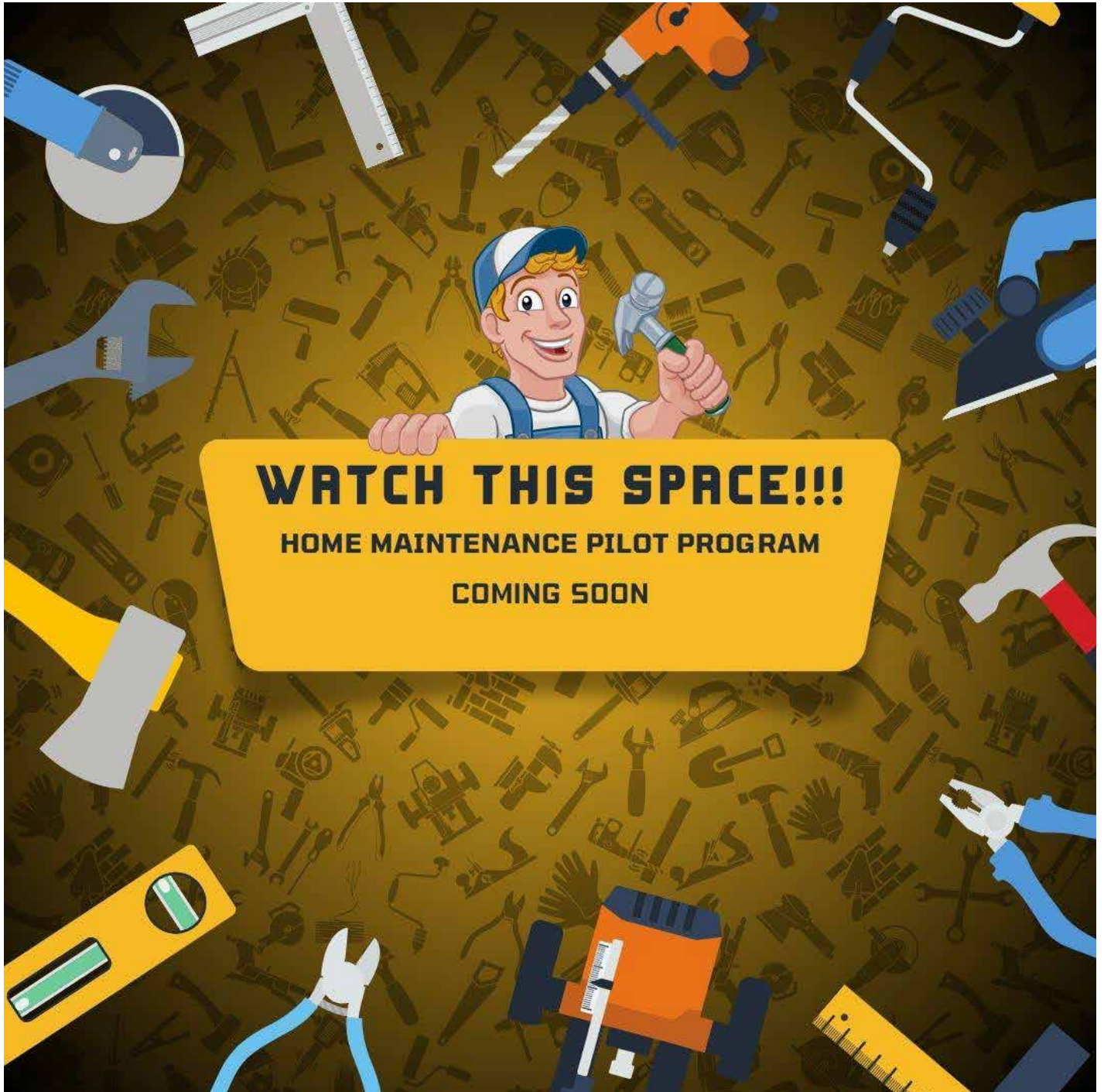
How we can help you

- Make a Will and/or a Co-Ownership Agreement to help you get access to a housing grant.
- Estate planning (powers of attorney and guardianship, advance health directives, deeds of gift,
- trusts).
- Probate and managing deceased estates.
- Family agreements.
- Applications to appoint a guardian or administrator in the State Administrative Tribunal.
- Leases and licenses.
- Governance and membership issues and disputes.

Our core values

- Our approach is to work together respectfully with Traditional Owners, giving clear and
- culturally-aware advice.
- We listen to your wishes, in the context of family, community, and legal requirements.

Avoid Disputes ~ Build Financial Independence ~ Strengthen Tradition



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS



Welcome to the team

Manager, Health and Partnerships
Matey Martin-Farrell

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Wayiba!!

My name is Matey Martin-Farrell, and I am excited to join the PKKP and the Communities team as the Manager of Health and Partnerships.

I am a proud descendant of the Yamatji Badimia, Noongar Yuet, and Whadjuk tribes of Western Australia, with a deep cultural connection to these communities. I also have a bloodline link to the Pilbara region, which has further enriched my understanding of the diverse Aboriginal cultures and traditions across these areas.

Prior to this role, I served as the Regional Director for JAWUN in the Pilbara, where I had the privilege of

working alongside the PKKP Aboriginal Corporation as one of its Indigenous Regional Organisation partners. I have held senior management roles in mining, construction, government, and private sectors, showcasing strong leadership and strategic expertise.

I hold a Bachelor of Applied Science in Indigenous Community Management and Development, along with qualifications in Business Governance, Mental Health, Leadership, Training and Mentoring. I am also in the final stages of completing my Master's Degree in Public Health at Deakin University, Victoria.

With a strong background in health—particularly in mental health—as well as Indigenous community management and development, I am deeply committed to advocating for positive change for First Nations people. My focus is on improving health outcomes, promoting cultural diversity and inclusion, and driving systemic reform.

Outside of work, I enjoy swimming, walking my dog Bubbles, spending time with my family—many of whom live in Karratha—traveling abroad, and playing the piano. I welcome the opportunity for a good yarn (wangka), so please feel free to reach out anytime.



Community Health & Wellbeing Officer: **Prince Kuthial**
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The PKKP Health Team has been actively collaborating with our Members and our Elders to understand their needs and support their independence in their chosen living environments. We are also establishing a new partnership to provide PKKP members with easier access to essential services.

We were able to support 3 respite sessions for one of our family in Onslow. While we are working on a more consistent and sustainable solution, we are grateful for the opportunity of the partnership with Frensenius Medical Centre and Medispot Agency which has made this possible.

Members have expressed a desire for more visual information, so we are creating a new health information channel. This will feature videos on various health topics shared throughout the month. If there's a specific topic, you'd like us to address, please let us know!

Your guide to Home Care Package (HCP) and Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)

HOW TO JOIN

MY AGED CARE

If you are aged 50 years and over, you are eligible to receive government funded support to live independently at your home and plan a respite service so your carer can have a break.

YOUR HEALTH OFFICER IS HERE TO ASSIST YOU ALONG EACH STEP OF THE WAY PLEASE CONTACT PRINCE KUTHIAL ON 0448 987 050 AND WE CAN WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS TOGETHER

- 1 Contact**
 Contact My Aged Care, over the phone 1800 200 422, online by visiting My Aged Care Website or face-to-face by visiting Services Australia centers.
- 2 Register**
 My Aged Care Contact Center staff completes registration by creating a client record and identification number.
- 3 Screen and Referral**
 Contact center staff screen the clients eligibility for assessment and completes a referral to a Regional Assessment Service (RAS).
- 4 Assessment**
 RAS Assessor completes an Assessment referred to as ACAT Assessment (Aged Care Assessment Team) or Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT).
- 5 Referral Code**
 RAS assessor provides a referral code for eligible services based on your needs.

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DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BELOW TRUSTEE POLICY?

PREVENTATIVE HEALTH POLICY:

Benefit: up to \$10000 per year

Preventative
Health
Insurance

Gym / Exercise
Equipment

Weight loss
programs

Car seats /
Massage chairs

Specialised
Mattress and
more

The PKKP Aboriginal Corporation is now part of a Corporate Membership at the Karratha Leisureplex! [Membership | Karratha Council](#) and Goodlife Health Clubs.

This fantastic opportunity is open to all employees and Members, offering access to top fitness facilities at discounted rates.

It's a great way to stay healthy, get active, and connect while achieving our goals. If you are interested in signing up or require any support, please let us know.

Do you want to improve health and productivity in your organisation?

the Karratha LEISUREPLEX can help!

Investing in employee health and wellbeing is good for business!

A simple equation: **healthy workers=healthy business performance.**

There is evidence that investing in employee health and well-being initiatives results in:

48%↑

increase in employee engagement

25.3%↓

decrease in sick absenteeism

94+

more effective work hours* per employee per month

To begin taking advantage of the Leisureplex facilities and services, all your workplace needs to do is collect a group of 10 staff and have them sign up to any of the upfront Leisureplex memberships.

Whether your organisation pays or everyone pays their own memberships, as long as a group of 10 people/employees are members of our facility, we will offer all of your employees the following benefits:

Membership	Complimentary FITNESS APPRAISAL & PROGRAM		10% off 3 & 6 MONTH memberships		20% off 12 MONTH memberships	
	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months		
Full	\$205	\$530	\$477	\$980	\$882	\$1710
Gym	\$140	\$335	\$301.50	\$605	\$544.50	\$1065
Strength & conditioning room	\$140	\$335	\$301.50	\$605	\$544.50	\$1065
Group fitness	\$140	\$335	\$301.50	\$605	\$544.50	\$1065
Aquatic	\$68	\$164	\$147.60	\$298	\$268.20	\$530



SCAN THE QR CODE
for a list of current corporate partners

Learn more:
leisureplex.karratha.wa.gov.au
Contact us:
(08) 9186 8556





**SCAN ME TO FIND
OUT MORE ABOUT
YOUR EXCLUSIVE
PERKS!**

**GOOD FOR WORK LIFE BALANCE.
PKKP ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
WORK PERKS.
SAVE UP TO 15% ON YOUR GOODLIFE MEMBERSHIP.**

Includes:

- 15% off Platinum Memberships
- Access to all Goodlife Health Clubs nationally*
- Up to 4 weeks holiday membership suspension
- Access to unlimited Group Fitness Classes

*T&Cs apply.

This offer is only available at Goodlife Brookfield Place.

Must provide proof of employment.

Club fitness products may change without notice.

Corporate discounts are available on Platinum memberships only.

Please contact Goodlife Brookfield Place for further details.

Offer ends 30 June 2025.

Goodlife.
HEALTH CLUBS

WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP YOU REGISTER – REACH OUT!

Health Outreach Program

Dear PKKP Members, thanks for warmly welcoming the Health and Community Engagement Team in your homes and giving us the opportunity to connect with you and your families.

Onslow Outreach



Brenda Smirke



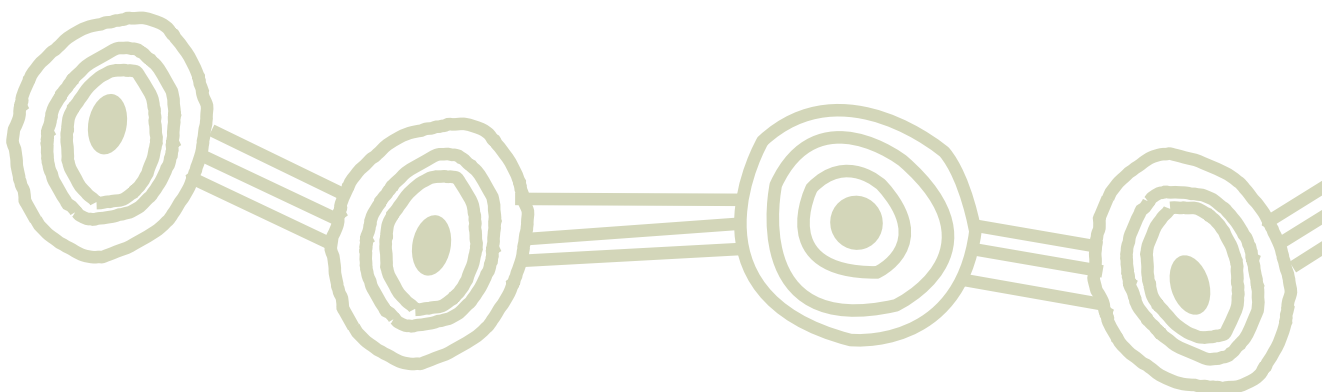
Linda Smirke



Peggy Smirke and Her sister Lauren Smirke and her daughter Shirlene SMIRKE



Rhonda Hughes





Erica Hubert and Travers Hubert Jnr



Paula and Linda Smirke at Dialysis clinic Onslow



Sharing celebration time with Teresa Hughes and Her Partner Rory on his birthday



Brenda Smirke before starting her physio session

Next Outreach dates for 2025

Onslow: 28th & 29th Jan,
25th & 26th Feb/ Community BBQ
17th & 18th March

Roebourne: 11th Feb

Hedland: 19th Feb

Please join us!



Strengthening Aboriginal Health

Karratha Central Healthcare

Onslow + Bindi Community
Outreach Clinic Dates 2024/ 2025

OCTOBER
15TH + 16TH

DECEMBER
10TH + 11TH

FEBRUARY
25th + 26th

APRIL
29TH + 30TH

JUNE
17TH + 18TH



HEALTH SERVICES

Jina Doctor / Podiatry

Physio

Diabetes Education

Ngarlu Doctor / Dietetics

Phone Hayley on 0438 333 141 for more information.



We acknowledge the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to elders past, present and future.



KARRATHA

**Central
Healthcare**



REGISTERED
NDIS
PROVIDER

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Jeffrey Morgan's Visit

Jeffrey Morgan – Lifestyle and Mindset Coach returned to Pilbara, Gascoyne and Perth in August 2024 and for AGM and Community Meeting in November 2024 to follow up with members already engaged in program and reached out to more PKKP members who would benefit and expressed interest in being part of the program. During this visit Jeffrey and the PKKP Health team completed a total of 4 successful outreaches to Perth, Carnarvon, Karratha and Hedland. We had the privilege of having meaningful interactions and addressing your personal and community concerns. We also had the chance to meet up with other community stakeholders, especially in Carnarvon to join hands in programs to tackle drug and alcohol issues and plan to encourage PKKP Youth engagement in these programs.

Jeffrey can assist and motivate in making lifestyle changes, support you on your health and fitness journey, advise on good nutrition, overcoming addiction, help those involved in justice system, building wealth, starting your business, setting life goals and finding your own aspirations. Jeffrey has a wealth of knowledge to share in these areas through his study in nutrition and fitness, building his own business and lived experience and all this is at an arm's reach to all PKKP members. I warmly request all PKKP members and their families to utilize this resource in hand by either contacting Jeffrey directly or reaching out to PKKP Community Health Officer Prince Kuthial on prince.kuthial@pkkp.org.au or calling PKKP office on (08) 9185 5000.

We took this time to evaluate and plan the upcoming year and events with Jeffrey, we will reach out with exciting upcoming events soon.

Jeffrey will be back in 2025 as part of Health Outreach, we will reach out to you with dates and locations soon.

Highlights of some great moments shared with PKKP Members during Outreach to Carnarvon



Delores Drage



Jacqueline Stewart.



Hearing community concerns with an amazing view with Burchell Drage

Workshop with Robe River Kurama Aboriginal Corporation - RRKAC

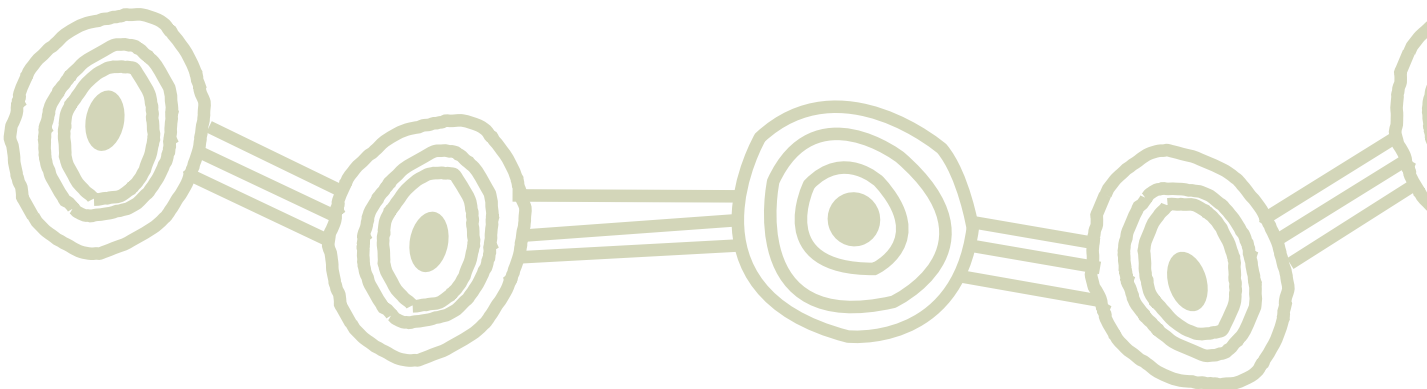


Jeffrey Morgan, RRKAC members and Staff members

PKKP AC and RRK AC have been partnering for many years. Our collaboration has led to richer and more effective initiatives and joint projects. Together we foster greater community involvement and interest, helping to strengthen community ties and participation.

This time, it was our turn to share some of our resources with RRKAC. Jeffrey spent a morning with some of their members and staff members where he shared his story and his passion and expertise in mental health & wellbeing and Leadership.

We would like to thank RRKAC for their ongoing support and collaborative mindset.



Health Community Events

NAIDOC in Karratha, hosted by PKKP Aboriginal Corporation. A big shout to our community stakeholders, Hope Community Services, Mission Australia, Headspace Karratha, Ashburton AC and Karratha Central Healthcare for their support in making this event a success. I would also like to thank the members and people of Karratha for gracing us with your presence.



R U OK? Day - Staff Meeting: September is celebrated worldwide as mental health awareness month and Community Health Team took every opportunity this month to share useful information with members and community, they live-in to raise awareness and challenge the stigma associated with seeking help.

PKKP staff was no exception to this initiative, a big shout to all PKKP staff for coming together to celebrate R U OK? Day and having a Yarn about mental health and learning from each other about how we can support our fellow team members.

It's events like this that bring us together as a great team, that can work together effectively and achieve better outcomes for PKKP community.



PKKP Community Health BBQ hosted in Bindi Community Onslow, in partnership with team of Therapists from Karratha Central Healthcare (KCH) and TSH.



Mental Health Week: - PKKP Health and Programs team joined Headspace Karratha in raising Mental Health awareness. The event had a great turnout from the community, helping eliminate the stigma associated with reaching out for help during times of crises. Tough times are inevitable but having the knowledge and tools that can get you through those is a choice, if you or someone you know is struggling, please reach out or help them reach out to PKKP Health Team by contacting PKKP Office.



AGM and Community Meetings: It was a great success having Karratha Central Health Care run health screenings during breaks at the AGM meeting.



Congratulations to Caroline on winning Health Screening Raffle



Youth and Brotherhood of PKKP



it's okay to not be okay this holiday season

the holiday period can be a hard time for people.

Mental health services available over the holiday period:

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Beyond Blue 1300 22 46 36

e-headspace 1800 650 890

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

Lifeline 13 11 14

Rurallink 1800 552 002

13YARN 13 92 76

MensLine Australia 1300 78 99 78

**if you or someone you know is in an emergency or
need immediate assistance:
call Emergency services on 000**

**check out our app
for some tips to stay
mentally healthy +
more info on where
to find support**



RECIPE - Chickpea and Spinach Curry:



Ingredients: -

- 1 can of Chickpeas, rinse and drain thoroughly.
- 4 cups of fresh spinach or a can, drained.
- 14oz or a can of coconut milk.
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil.
- 1 onion, diced.
- 3 cloves of garlic, cut in small pieces or you can use minced garlic too.
- 1 tablespoon of minced ginger, curry powder and cumin.
- Salt and pepper to taste.
- Fresh parsley to garnish.

Instructions: -

1. **Saute the Aromatics:** In a large skillet/pan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and saute for about 5 minutes until translucent. Stir in the garlic and ginger, cooking for another minute until fragrant.
2. **Add Spices:** Sprinkle in curry powder and cumin, stir to combine and cook for about 30 seconds.
3. **Add Chickpeas and Coconut Milk:** Add chickpeas and coconut milk. Stir well and bring to a simmer. Let it cook for about 5-7 minutes, allowing the flavours to fuse.
4. **Add Spinach:** Add spinach and cook until wilted, which should not take longer than 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add freshly chopped parsley for garnish.
5. **Serve:** Serve with warm cooked rice I personally prefer to eat with naan bread.

Note: - You can add other vegetables too for extra nutrition and taste.

We would love to see your pictures!!!!

Please send them by email to prince.kuthial@pkkp.org.au or text the picture to 0448 987 050.



READY FOR SUMMER?

Stay sun-safe and summer ready

USE SUNSCREEN:

Use Sunscreens and Lip screens with high SPF rating



HYDRATE:

*Drink Plenty of Liquids and Stay Hydrated
Eat Light but Regular Meals*



CLEANSE REGULARLY:

Clean your Hands and Face Frequently



PROTECT YOUR EYES:

*Use Eye Protection when out in the Sun
Use Polarized and UV blocking sunglasses*



WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:

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COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

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I feel incredibly fortunate to have been with the PKKP Aboriginal Corporation for just over two years now. In that time, I've had the opportunity to get to know many of you, learn from you, and work towards creating better employment outcomes for our community. I am constantly inspired by the unique ambitions of each PKKP member, and I look forward to continuing this journey with you all well into the future.

This past quarter, we celebrated several exciting employment milestones: an aspiring PKKP member joined us here at the PKKP Aboriginal Corporation, another member and a family member started with Rio Tinto through the ATAL program, and a third member began full-time employment with Fortescue Metals Group. These successes highlight the strong relationships we've built with our key mining partners, and our commitment to supporting members and their families in achieving their career goals.

If you're looking for support with your own career aspirations, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help you succeed.



This year, we had the incredible opportunity to celebrate **NAIDOC Week with Fortescue Metals Group at the Eliwana** mine site. During our time at Eliwana, we connected with PKKP members working on-site and gained a deeper understanding of the land we are all committed to protecting. Meeting various Fortescue employees further reinforced our partnership, and I'm confident that our relationship will continue to grow stronger as we move forward together.

We would like to thank Joan Ashburton and Ronnelle Edwards for welcoming us on site and would like to share our proud we were to watch them stand up on stage and opening the ceremony with a beautiful *Welcome to Country in language*.



The **AEMEE Conference 2024** was an incredible opportunity for professional growth for our inspiring panelists—Ronnelle Edwards, Jack Moloney, Kaitlyn Hayes, and Chanice Flemming—and myself. I felt truly fortunate to present alongside these remarkable individuals in our session, NEXT-GEN Sparks, Creating New Pathways: Our Mob, Our Voice, Our Future.

AEMEE was founded to promote Aboriginal economic development, strengthen Indigenous enterprises, and advance a thriving sector. This conference exemplifies AEMEE's mission to foster meaningful relationships with communities, industry, and government.

We are extremely grateful to have shared this exciting, and sometimes intimidating, journey with our panelists, and we want to thank everyone who supported us along the way.

Rio Tinto

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Employment Officer:
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Rio Tinto's Aboriginal Development Team has been visiting the PKKP Aboriginal Corporation Office in Karratha each Monday to provide the opportunity for the community to meet face-to-face and discuss career opportunities. If you would like to learn more, please reach out.



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Madison Jilba has successfully completed her three-month traineeship with the PKKP Aboriginal Corporation. Throughout her time with us, she has gained valuable exposure to various aspects of the business, engaging where culturally appropriate.

Madison has worked closely with the Business Operations Team and particularly enjoyed her time collaborating with the Language Team. While she initially felt uncertain about office work, she has come to appreciate the important contributions we all make at PKKP AC, even within the dynamic and ever-evolving nature of the organisation.

We are excited to see Madison pursue her career aspirations with Woodside Energy and want her to know that PKKP AC will always support her journey. Congratulations, Madison, and best wishes for your bright future ahead!

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Community Networking Events!

This quarter, the Programs Team has been busy connecting with local organisations in Karratha to discover new and exciting opportunities for PKKP members to get involved in.

EVENT 1 - NAIDOC in Karratha, hosted by PKKP AC 'Keep the fire burning! Blak, loud and proud'

In July, PKKPAC joined forces with various stakeholders to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Our first NAIDOC celebration of 2024 was hosted by PKKP AC on the grassed area in front of the ANZ Bank, featured kangaroo stew and an engaging session on Indigenous art, where we explained the symbolism behind different designs – an activity that was particularly engaging for the children.

At this event, we were joined by a range of local support services, including Mission Australia, HOPE, Headspace, and Karratha Central Healthcare. Qube was also part of the event, offering up delicious damper to accompany our kangaroo stew, which was definitely a crowd pleaser!



Event 2 – NAIDOC in Karratha, hosted by Karratha

City Plaza

Our second celebration was a community event hosted by the Karratha City Plaza (formerly Karratha Vicinity Shopping Centre). We enjoyed music and live performances facilitated by *Ngaarda Media*, participated in lots of different arts and crafts, and enjoyed having a yarn to community members and other service providers.

It was truly inspiring to see some of our PKKP kids enter an art competition and win! Their artwork beautifully incorporated Aboriginal symbolism, showcasing their cultural understanding and creativity.

Overall, the Karratha NAIDOC events were a great success, with many community members coming together to celebrate. It was heartwarming to see such a strong community spirit.



Photos: Our Community Programs Team (Bonny, Erin and Ange) setting up the marquee and engaging with community

Event 3 – NAIDOC in Roebourne, hosted by Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation (NBAC)

We joined NBAC for another NAIDOC week celebration, this time in Roebourne, where we were provided with the privilege of story time with the Elders, studied Aboriginal artefacts, participated in art and face painting, gardening, and enjoyed delicious traditional foods.

We were joined by several other organisations, including Red Dirt Driving Academy, Handy Hands, Brida Pty Ltd, the Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KDCCI), Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation, North Regional TAFE and many others.



Photos: Our Language team (Kristy, Rosie and Bree), Community Housing Officer (Tairi), and Community Programs Officer (Erin) were all smiles after participating in the face painting stall!

Mental Health Awareness Month

September is mental health awareness month. In Karratha, our teams celebrated R U OK Day, Mental Health Awareness week (hosted by Headspace) and attended a morning tea with our friends at Mission Australia.

Event 1 – R U OK Day in Karratha

PKKPAC proudly joined forces with the Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation, Mission Australia, and HOPE to host a community BBQ, offering fun games and activities for everyone.

The event aimed to inspire and empower people to build meaningful connections with their neighbors and initiate conversations with those who might be struggling. Remember, you don't have to be an expert to offer support – simply be a caring friend and a good listener.

Follow these four simple steps to have a conversation that could make a difference:

1. Ask: **R U OK?**
2. Listen
3. Encourage Action
4. Check In



Event 2 – Community event for mental health awareness week, hosted by Headspace Karratha



The 2024 theme for mental health awareness week is – *‘Empowering communities, thriving workplaces: a journey towards investing in our mental health.’*

As a stallholder in this event, we got to engage with many community members and partake in meaningful conversations about mental health, while letting our creativity flow through crafting!

We would like to thank Headspace Karratha for allowing us to be a part of their event, we had a lot of fun being stall neighbours with WA Country Health Services and MacKillop Family Services.

Remember, if you need assistance or advice related to your health or the health of a family member, please reach out to our dedicated PKKP AC Health Officer: prince.kuthial@pkkp.org.au

Community Notice: Mission Australia in Karratha has a new home!

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Mission Australia in Karratha celebrated their new office space by hosting a morning tea. We were thrilled to welcome them to their new space as our new neighbours!

They are now located at: 1-4 Welcome Road, Karratha WA 6714

Community Networking

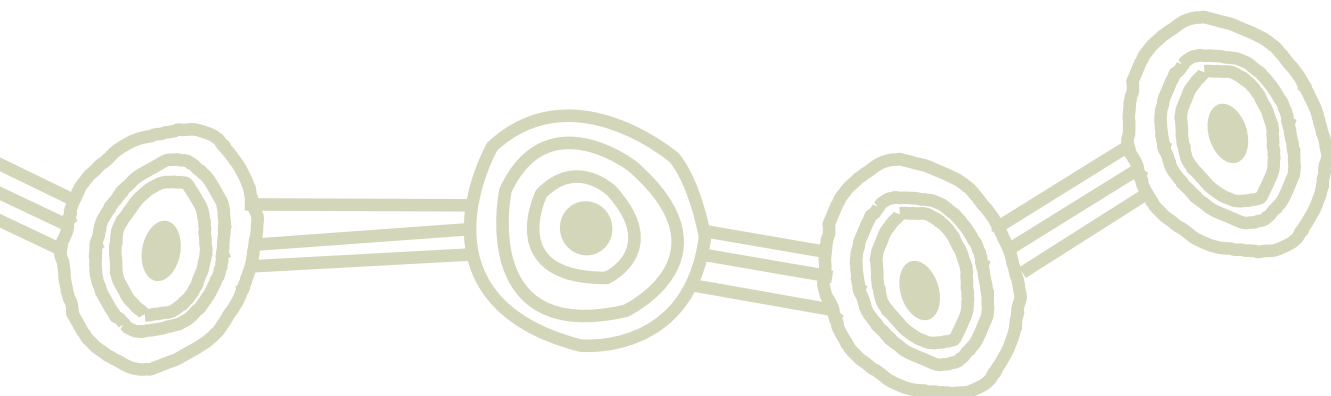
Event 1 – Community BBQ hosted by Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation (AAC)



Photo: Community Programs Officer (Erin) and Director, Community Outcomes Unit (Ione) at the AAC community BBQ

AAC kindly invited us to attend their community barbecue, where we had the pleasure of networking with local businesses, service providers, and community members who gathered for a delicious lunch.

We're looking forward to the next one!



Event 2 – Indigenous Business Tradeshow, hosted by KDCCI & The Pilbara Indigenous Business Network Group



Photo: The friendly teams from Brida Pty Ltd, PCLS & Handy Hands with Community Programs Officer (Erin)

This event is jointly hosted by the Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KDCCI) in conjunction with The Pilbara Indigenous Business Network Group – *Growing Indigenous Businesses within the Pilbara*.

The event aims to showcase the talents and capabilities of Indigenous businesses in the region and promote their services to local businesses, industry, and government organisations.

Many fantastic businesses participated in this event, including:

- Brida Pty Ltd
- Handy Hands
- The Waalitj Foundation – Waalitj Hub
- Muguriyarra Pty Ltd
- Pilbara Community Legal Services (PCLS)
- Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation (AAC)
- Onslow Tyre Service
- Onslow Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OCCI)
- Murujuga Commercial Ltd
- Red Rock Services WA
- Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation (NBAC)

TRAINING



Money Business

In October, several PKKP staff members had the opportunity to attend MoneyBusiness Coach Training. We learned a lot about effective money management – including budgeting, saving, on-line banking, investing, loans and borrowing money, just to name a few!

MoneyBusiness is a financial literacy program co-designed by ANZ and the Australian Government in 2005, with the goal of improving the financial wellbeing of Indigenous Australians.

Get ready for a financially empowered new year! We're excited to share MoneyBusiness resources, workshops, and personalised sessions with all PKKP staff and members in 2025.

Picture: PKKP AC staff members at MoneyBusiness Coach Training, along with staff from Robe River Kuruma, EPIC, Karratha Jobs & Skills Centre and The Department of Justice - big smiles all round!

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PKKP AC Survey:

What Programs would you like to see?



Alternatively, you can contact the Community Programs Team by email or phone.
We're here to assist you and ensure you get the support you need!



**Wishing you a great
holiday season and
a most prosperous
new year**

We look forward to seeing you in
the office or out on Outreach in
your communities in 2025



GOVERNANCE UNIT

We are happy to announce that we have held our first Governance workshop on 9 October 2024.

Our first workshop was an induction-style introduction to governance, the PKKP Group structure, director roles and responsibilities, and an overview of the many internal units of the Corporation and PKKP Enterprises.

We had a total of 5 attendees, with four in person and one attending online. We were also able to record our workshop, and the scanning QR code below will allow you to view



this recording if you are interested.

We are planning on holding another governance workshop in early 2025, which will be held in-person at the Karratha office and have Teams facilities available to dial in. We will be running a similar introductory induction style workshop as we welcome our new Board and Committee members following the AGM.

Anyone who is interested in learning a little bit about our internal governance structures and processes are invited to attend, either in person in Karratha or via Teams. Emails will be circulated as these workshops are announced. You may be able to access your education bucket from the trust for assistance to travel to these workshops in

person if you would like to do so.

As we move into 2025, we will also look at implementing some exciting new governance training and development opportunities within the Corporation. This will include 'day in the life' and shadowing opportunities for our Board members. We look forward to working with you as we expand our governance function and work on building our succession programs for our members.

If you would like to chat further about our governance opportunities, please reach out to the governance team at: jana.francis@pkkp.org.au and catherine.fletcher@pkkp.org.au
Phone 0409 163 099



Scan The QR Code to access a recording of our Governance Workshop.

PKKP CLOs Attend CDU Linguistics Course

In July, PKKP Community Language Officers (CLOs) Joan Ashburton, Kristy Stewart, and Chanice Fleming participated in a short linguistics course at Charles Darwin University (CDU) in Darwin.

The course offered an introduction to the basics of linguistics, equipping the CLOs with essential skills for their work in language preservation and revitalisation.

During the course, they connected with people from across Australia who are also

working to support their communities' languages. This experience will enhance their linguistic knowledge

and strengthen their efforts in preserving the languages of PKKP people.



PKKP Community Language Officers Joan Ashburton, Kristy Stewart, and Chanice Fleming.

PKKP Language Program Featured on RTRFM's Language Lab Radio Show

In July, the PKKP language program was invited to present on RTRFM, a radio station in Perth, as part of Manager, Rosie's connection with the University of Western Australia's (UWA) Language

Lab. The Language Lab is a hub for the study of human language and its connection to history, community, and culture, and members (particularly Director, Dr Celeste Rodriguez Louro) feature on RTRFM regularly. This collaboration provided a fantastic opportunity to share the work of the PKKP language program with a supportive, engaged audience.

During the interview, Rosie introduced the PKKP language program, while the

new Community Language Officers (CLOs)—Joan Ashburton, Kristy Stewart, and Chanice Fleming—discussed their recent training at Charles Darwin University. They spoke about how their study of linguistics is equipping them with crucial skills for language preservation. This media appearance allowed the team to highlight the program's mission, emphasizing the significance of Indigenous language work and the impact of their roles on the PKKP community's linguistic future.



Welcome to the team

New Manager of Heritage Approvals

Jessica Laurier



Hi Everyone,
I am Jessica Laurier, and I am excited to have recently joined PKKP AC as Heritage Approvals Manager. As an archaeologist by trade, I have been involved with Aboriginal heritage surveys throughout the Pilbara, colonial heritage work within Western Australia, and burial excavations in Italy. I've previously worked as a tutor and prosecutor at UWA, a

consulting archaeologist, and heritage advisor for both a proponent and an aboriginal corporation.

I strive to bring my passion for heritage into this role to help PKKP People pursue and develop the best heritage management outcomes.

I look forward to meeting PKKP members and learning about culture, so I hope to see you out on Country soon.

Online training with Living Languages

From August to September, PKKP members took part in an online training series delivered by Living Languages, designed to build skills essential for language work. Rather than focusing on learning language directly, this training equipped members with practical tools for supporting and preserving language – a big part of making the PKKP language program a success.

The training included three sessions: Session 1 introduced the landscape of Indigenous languages in Australia and the importance of language work, Session 2 covered pronunciation and grammar, focusing on unique sounds in Australian languages, and Session 3 explored setting language goals and creating resources, helping members plan meaningful language projects.

Participants found the sessions engaging and valuable, gaining skills in reading and pronouncing Indigenous language sounds, as well as strategies for language-based project planning. With positive feedback from the training, the PKKP language team is eager to host Living Languages trainers in Karratha for in-person sessions in 2025.



PKKP Language Team Joins PKKP AC at Garma Festival

The PKKP language team had the privilege of attending the Garma Festival as part of the PKKP AC delegation. Held in Arnhem Land, the Garma Festival is a renowned celebration of Yolngu culture, offering a deep insight into the rich traditions and way of life in the region. The event featured vibrant music, traditional ceremonies, dancing, and thought-provoking forums on topics impacting Indigenous communities around the country.

The highlights for the language team were the daily bunggul, ceremonial dance and song performed by the various Yolngu clans; the escarpment walk, facilitated by the Dhimurru Rangers; and the nightly musical performances from artists such as Yirmal, Jess Hitchcock, King Stingray and a collection of Yolngu artists who performed some of Yothu Yindi's greatest hits.

For PKKP AC members, Garma provided invaluable opportunities to learn from the cultural sharing and generosity of the Yolngu people, sparking inspiration for similar cultural events to be delivered here one day.





Language team on the Pinikura Return to Country trip

In late August, the PKKP language team was honoured to join first Pinikura Return to Country trip at the invitation of the Cultural Advisory Committee. The journey included visits to significant cultural and historical



sites such as Nanutarra Homestead, Dicksons Crossing, Paulsens Mine (including a significant birthplace), Battle Hill and House Creek.

During the trip, the team recorded language, stories, and on-camera interviews with filmmaker Chris Lewis, allowing participants to share knowledge of the land, recount stories of the old people, and reflect on life growing up on country.

As a pioneering event, the trip presented opportunities for learning and refining processes to improve future Return to Country experiences.

The trip underscored the importance of passing knowledge between generations, highlighting the need for continued cultural education and improved access to sites across Pinikura country for future trips.



Language Program give First Presentation as part of the Australian Languages Workshop

The PKKP language team recently delivered a presentation to the Australian Languages Workshop in Canberra, titled “Collect, Connect, and Share: Starting an Evidence-Based Language Program at a Native Title Body Corporate.” The presentation received positive feedback, with feedback focusing on the process-based, practical approach of PKKP AC’s program. Rather than a broad overview, the team shared concrete steps

they’ve taken to build the language program, explaining both their actions and the reasons behind them. As a new program, we are lucky to have the ability to build our processes from the ground up and learn from the many communities who have taken this journey before PKKP, and this means we have been able to implement evaluation checkpoints to make sure we stay on track.

Notably, Professor Jane Simpson, a prominent figure in Australian linguistics, praised the team’s dedication and remarked that their achievements in just 13 months rivalled efforts that have taken a decade in other communities – immense praise that we are very proud of and a testament to the dedication of the team and the PKKP community to strengthen language use and knowledge.



Pinikura Language Group Represents WA at Prestigious Workshop

A delegation of 3 Pinikura members recently achieved an incredible milestone, being selected to participate in the prestigious Paper and Talk Workshop, held from October 14 to 25. Run jointly by the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and Living Languages, the workshop brought together representatives from only seven language groups across Australia, including Kabi Kabi, Kukatj, Kunjen, Mithaka,

Gunggay (all Queensland) Yarluyandi (South Australia) and Pinikura. The workshop is targeted at languages with limited documentation (i.e. not many recordings, wordlists, books etc), so while selection is something to celebrate, it also demonstrates the real challenges for those language groups to make their languages strong. Pinikura is the first language group from Western Australia to attend this workshop, and with over 50 language groups across WA, this selection highlights the significant progress made by Pinikura people in the 2 short years of the PKKP languages program.

Representing the Pinikura group at the workshop were Mitchell Drage, Terry Drage, and Chanice Daulbin-Satrick, along with their linguist partner (and PKKP Language Education Consultant) Amy Parncutt. The Paper and Talk Workshop is renowned for fostering skills and knowledge that help support the revitalisation and documentation of Indigenous languages, and the Pinikura representatives immersed themselves in this learning experience, gaining valuable tools and insights to strengthen their language and culture for future generations.

A more in-depth write-up about the workshop and the new skills the participants have acquired will be featured in the newsletter early next year. Stay tuned!!



Strengthening Kurrama language On-Country



In late October, Language Program Manager Rosie and linguist Brea visited the Eliwana mine site to accompany a team of Puutu Kunti Kurrama members conducting an archaeological survey. This marked the second survey involving language team members, following a Rio Tinto survey in April.

The visit was facilitated by Joan Ashburton, who has been working with the language program to support her in her role at Eliwana. Joan has been integrating more Kurrama language into the survey activities undertaken by PKKP members, using existing Kurrama language materials, such as the Kurrama dictionary,

to help younger survey workers develop their language skills while on Country. Looking ahead to 2025, the language team has been collaborating with the wider Heritage, Culture, and Language Unit to further integrate language into all aspects of on-Country work. This initiative will support PKKP members who are eager to learn their language, especially while out on-Country, as well as Elders and knowledge holders who find it easier to remember and share language whilst back home.

A significant challenge for adult language learners is finding time to study amidst responsibilities like work, family, and childcare. To address this, the language



team is exploring innovative ways to make language learning a seamless part of daily life as a Puutu Kunti Kurrama or Pinikura person. By weaving language into everyday experiences, the team hopes to ensure that learning becomes a natural and accessible process for all PKKP members.



Language Team at the AGM

The language team hosted a table (well, two!) at the PKKP AC AGM again this year. Thanks to all who visited us! We hope you enjoyed the 'waba' (Kurrama) and 'banyu' (Pinikura) (both words meaning 'good') stickers and 'wanthaya' (Pinikura, hello/how are you) and 'mujira' (Kurrama, dingo) magnets we had to share.

Here are some pictures of our setup on the day – if you would like some stickers or magnets, get in touch with us through the office and we can send them to you.



Exciting Steps Toward Writing Systems for Kurrama and Pinikura

In November, we were thrilled to host Dr. Doug Marmion in Karratha to begin consultations on developing orthographies—the systems for writing a language down—for both Kurrama and Pinikura languages. Over the

course of two weeks, Doug met with members of both language groups to discuss the importance of designing a writing system and key considerations in making these decisions. It was a great excuse to have a morning

and afternoon tea during the AGM week – and of course that meant johnny cakes and damper!

While both languages have been written in various forms for many years, the way they are written was not decided by Puutu Kunti Kurrama or Pinikura people. Historically, commonly accepted spellings have often come from individuals, including anthropologists, linguists, government employees, or individual members of the language groups and so this consultation offers a rare opportunity for Puutu Kunti Kurrama people to decide how to write Kurrama

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language, and Pinikura people to decide how to write Pinikura, so that there is a standard way of writing sounds and words in these languages that has been decided by the people these languages come from.

Developing these orthographies is a unique process—most languages worldwide have been written for generations, meaning no one alive remembers how early writing systems were established. For the Kurruma and Pinikura languages, this moment is about reclaiming agency and making decisions that

reflect the identity and voice of the communities. Once finalised, these writing systems will be adopted by the Corporation for all communications, naming, and materials. This standardisation will establish norms that the wider community can follow, fostering consistency and recognition of these languages. It's an exciting opportunity to make decisions that will shape the future of Kurruma and Pinikura languages. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Doug Marmion back to PKKP in 2025 to continue this important work!



Congratulations Chanice & Steve

In last minute news just before this newsletter went to press, we heard that Pinikura Community Language Officer Chanice Daulbin-Satruck and Pinikura member Steve Moloney have been accepted into **Living Languages' Language Leadership Program in April 2025!**

The program is for youth 18-30, and will be held in Kununurra in the East Kimberley just before Easter

We are SO proud of you both and wish you all the best in your language journey!

PKKP at the Australian Archaeological Conference in Cairns



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News just in!



End of the Heritage Survey Season

2024 was a very busy year for PKKP People involved in Heritage Surveys. PKKP AC and the Heritage Team would like to thank everyone for the hard work and all the time that PKKP People spent on-country.

We hope that you will have a great time with your loved ones and a well-deserved break during the festive season.



Heritage Team attended the Australian Archaeological Conference in Cairns

Terry Drage, Toni Akuila, Burchell Hayes, Nolene Oliver and Gavin Ashburton joined PKKP AC Heritage Team to attend the Australian Archaeological Association Conference in Cairns (4 – 6 December).

The Conference theme was “Sharing Archaeological Narratives”.

PKKP AC presented three papers during the conference:

• **Juukan Gorge:** The Story of Destruction and Rebuilding

(Panel) by Burchell Hayes, Gavin Ashburton, Jordan Ralph and Scarp excavation team experts.

• **Mindurru: Pinikura**

Approach to Mapping Cultural Landscapes Under Threat by Terry Drage and Cat Morgan with the support of Ben Pentz from Echoes CHM.

• **Community Driven**

Cultural Heritage

Management on Puutu

Kunti Kurrama Country

by Burchell Hayes, Gavin

Ashburton and Denis Coutant.

The three presentations were very well received with many Traditional Owners from all over the country asking how PKKP People managed to influence mining companies to finance and organise On-Country research projects.

This conference was a very good experience and we hope to see everyone back for the next conference in Perth in December 2025.



Thank You

to all our members for their engagement,
collaboration and participation during 2024.
We wouldn't have been able to achieve so
much without you.

We wish you and your families a very
Merry Christmas.

We look forward to 2025 for continued
success and achievements as we support
your journey in self-determination.

PKKP AC Staff

